

**REMARKS**

The above-identified application is United States application serial number 10/716,856 filed on November 19, 2003. Claims 17-36 are pending in the application. Claims 17-24 and 36 are allowed. Claims 25-35 are rejected.

*Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112*

Claims 25-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicants have amended Claims 25 and 35 to correct antecedent basis of "the backplane operational configuration" to operational configuration of the backplane. The amendment is believed to render claims 25-35 allowable.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants believe all Claims 17-36 are in form for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. No new matter has been added. In the event it would facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (949) 251-0250.

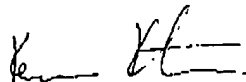
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